of L.D.C.E. in non-safety categories (which include Accounts Department also).

Rail services between Nagpur and Pandhurna

1564. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received any request from 'Pravasi Mandal Vidarbha Pradesh for the stoppage of Up and Dn Dakshin Express at Katol and Narkhed, for the running of a fast passenger train between Nagpur and Pandhurna to cater to the pressing requirement of commuters of the area and for the opening of a ticket counter at Sonkhamba station; which has already started functioning for other purposes; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) The long distance traffic offering at Narkhed and Katol does not justify stoppage of 21/22 Hyderabad Express at these stations.

(ii) Apart from the lack of traffic justification, introduction of a train between Pandhurna and Nagpur is presently not feasible due to lack of resources like coaches and locomotives, spare line capacity on sections enroute and terminal facilities at both the terminals.

(iii) Sonkambha is a crossing station which has been opened purely for operational convenience to increase the line capacity of the section.

Reservation of posts and casual labourers in railways

1565. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received a Memorandum No. AREC/ENG/84 dated the 12th June, 1984 from All India Railway Employees' Confederation, Bombay regarding irregularities in filling up of 40 per cent of reserve posts in survey and construction projects of Western Railway, Bombay;

(b) if so, what remedial measures Government have taken in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to implement the orders of the Railway Board regarding reservation of 40 per cent of the posts in construction projects for casual labourers?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) On the Western Railway, 918 Group C (Class III) and 608 Group D(Class IV) posts have been converted as permanent against 40 per cent reserve posts in Survey and Construction and Open Line.

रेलवे पुल का नाम बदला जाना

1566. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उन्हें एक संसद्-सदस्य से 30 जून, 1984 को इस आशय का कोई पत्र प्राप्त हुआ है कि सरकार इलाहाबाद में फाफामऊ के पास गंगा नदी पर बने रेल पुल 'कर्जन ब्रिज' का नाम बदल कर महामना मालवीय पुल न करने के निर्णय पर पुनः विचार करे ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?